

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-12 (canceled)

13 (withdrawn – currently amended) A tape shaped product comprising:
a tape of synthetic resin having longitudinal edges; and
extending along each of said longitudinal edges and integral with said tape, a stretched fibrous member of thermoplastic resin including oriented molecular chains oriented longitudinally along said stretched fibrous member, said stretched fibrous member obtained by stretching a yet-unstretched fibrous member to provide ~~said~~the stretched fibrous member with a tensile strength greater than a tensile strength of the yet-unstretched fibrous member,
wherein said thermoplastic resin is in the same family as said synthetic resin, and
wherein each said stretched fibrous member is positioned inwardly of a corresponding said each of said longitudinal edges.

14 (withdrawn) The tape shaped product according to claim 13, wherein each said stretched fibrous member is in a form of a monofilament.

15 (withdrawn) The tape shaped product according to claim 14, wherein the tape-shaped product has a tensile strength of at least 250 Mpa, and a thermal shrinkability of at most 1%.

16 (withdrawn) The tape shaped product according to claim 13, wherein the tape-shaped product has a tensile strength of at least 250 Mpa, and a thermal shrinkability of at most 1%.

17 (currently amended) A belt comprising:
a tape-shaped product including
(i) a tape of synthetic resin having longitudinal edges, and
(ii) extending along each of said longitudinal edges and integral with said tape, a stretched fibrous member of thermoplastic resin including oriented molecular chains oriented

longitudinally along said stretched fibrous member, said stretched fibrous member obtained by stretching a yet-unstretched fibrous member to provide ~~said~~the stretched fibrous member with a tensile strength greater than a tensile strength of the yet-unstretched fibrous member,

wherein said thermoplastic resin is in the same family as said synthetic resin, and

wherein each said stretched fibrous member is positioned inwardly of a corresponding said each of said longitudinal edges.

18 (previously presented) The belt according to claim 17, wherein ball-insetting holes are in said tape between said longitudinal edges.

19 (previously presented) The belt according to claim 18, wherein said ball-insetting holes are disposed at equal intervals in a straight line.

20 (previously presented) The belt according to claim 19, wherein projections are disposed around said ball-insetting holes.

21 (previously presented) The belt according to claim 20, wherein each said stretched fibrous member is in a form of a monofilament.

22 (previously presented) The belt according to claim 18, wherein projections are disposed around said ball-insetting holes.

23 (previously presented) The belt according to claim 19, wherein each said stretched fibrous member is in a form of a monofilament.

24 (previously presented) The belt according to claim 19, wherein the belt has a tensile strength of at least 100 Mpa, and a thermal shrinkability of at most 1%.

25 (previously presented) The belt according to claim 18, wherein each said stretched fibrous member is in a form of a monofilament.

26 (previously presented) The belt according to claim 18, wherein the belt has a tensile strength of at least 100 Mpa, and a thermal shrinkability of at most 1%.

27 (withdrawn – currently amended) A method for producing tape shaped product, comprising:

setting in a mold stretched fibrous members of thermoplastic resin including oriented molecular chains oriented longitudinally along said stretched fibrous member, said stretched fibrous members obtained by stretching a yet-unstretched fibrous ~~members~~member to provide ~~said~~the stretched fibrous ~~members~~member with a tensile strength greater than a tensile strength of the yet-unstretched fibrous ~~members~~member;

injecting into said mold a synthetic resin that is in the same family as the thermoplastic resin; and

allowing said synthetic resin to cool, whereby said synthetic resin forms into a tape that is integral with said stretched fibrous members and has longitudinal edges along which said stretched fibrous members extend, respectively,

with each of said stretched fibrous members being positioned inwardly of a corresponding one of said longitudinal edges.

28 (withdrawn) The method according to claim 27, further comprising:

prior to injecting said synthetic resin into said mold, positioning molding balls into said mold; and

after injecting said synthetic resin into said mold, removing said molding balls, such that after said synthetic resin cools, holes are formed in said tape between said longitudinal edges.

29 (withdrawn) The method according to claim 28, wherein

positioning molding balls into said mold comprises positioning into said mold molding balls disposed at equal intervals in a straight line, such that the holes formed in said tape are disposed at equal intervals in a straight line.

30 (withdrawn) The method according to claim 29, wherein each of said stretched fibrous members is in a form of a monofilament.

31 (withdrawn) The method according to claim 28, wherein each of said stretched fibrous members is in a form of a monofilament.

32 (withdrawn) The method according to claim 27, wherein
each of said stretched fibrous members is in a form of a monofilament.

33 (canceled)

34 (currently amended) A belt comprising:
a tape-shaped product including
(i) a tape of synthetic resin having longitudinal edges, and
(ii) extending along each of said longitudinal edges and integral with said tape, a stretched fibrous member of thermoplastic resin including oriented molecular chains oriented longitudinally along said stretched fibrous member, said stretched fibrous member obtained by stretching a yet-unstretched fibrous member to provide said~~the~~ stretched fibrous member with a tensile strength greater than a tensile strength of the yet-unstretched fibrous member;
wherein said synthetic resin and said thermoplastic resin comprise identical resins or include principal components of identical resins, and
wherein each said stretched fibrous member is positioned inwardly of a corresponding said each of said longitudinal edges.

35 (previously presented) The belt according to claim 34, wherein ball insetting holes are in said tape between said longitudinal edges.

36 (previously presented) The belt according to claim 35, wherein said ball insetting holes are disposed at equal intervals in a straight line.

37 (previously presented) The belt according to claim 36, wherein projections are disposed around said ball-insetting holes.

38 (previously presented) The belt according to claim 37, wherein each said stretched fibrous member is in a form of a monofilament.

39 (previously presented) The belt according to claim 35, wherein projections are disposed around said ball-insetting holes.

40 (previously presented) The belt according to claim 36, wherein each said stretched fibrous member is in a form of a monofilament.

41 (previously presented) The belt according to claim 36, wherein the belt has a tensile strength of at least 100 Mpa, and a thermal shrinkability of at most 1%.

42 (previously presented) The belt according to claim 35, wherein each said stretched fibrous member is in a form of a monofilament.

43 (previously presented) The belt according to claim 35, wherein the belt has a tensile strength of at least 100 Mpa, and a thermal shrinkability of at most 1%.